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quotes — a confusion which he does nothing to clear up, between consideration which is in fact given for a promise, and such consideration as the law regards as essential to make a promise binding. The lack of discriminating thought which is evident in this matter is typical of the book. Thus in treating the crucial question of the validity as consideration of the promise, or the performance, of an act due under a previous contract with a third person, the author carefully states the conclusions of all writers on that subject, but he gives little of their reasoning, and says nothing himself which sheds light upon the subject. His final conclusion (p. 155) that either performance or promise of an act due to a third person may suffice to support a promise is logically at variance with his earlier statement (p. 121) made in attempting a definition of the requisite of valid consideration that "there must be a detriment by the promisee." But he does not observe the inconsistency. There is much valuable material in the book, but the author has not been equal to dealing with his material. In mechanical execution, though the print and form of the volume are pleasing, it is defaced by numerous misprints.

SAMUEL WILLISTON.

PALAEOGRAPHY, AND THE PRACTICAL STUDY OF COURT HAND. Parts I and II. By Charles Johnson and Hilary Jenkinson. Oxford: Clarendon Press. 1915. pp. xlviii, 250.

The object of this sumptuous monograph is to prove that, at least in England where medieval manuscripts are numerous and men of all classes wrote them, it is not possible to decipher or even to date a manuscript by internal evidence; "that Court Hand documents can generally be read with certainty, but only in the light of their meaning, and that they can nearly always be dated with accuracy, but not by their handwriting." The author's thesis is proved in a novel way. He reproduces thirteen documents, written in widely different hands, and gives comments on the peculiarities of each hand; and then announces that the documents "are all of one date — 1225; they all relate to the same small piece of business; they actually form separate membranes of a single roll; and they come all from one small part of Lincolnshire not more than a few miles square."

The facsimiles are beautiful; the comments enlightening; the surprise complete; the demonstration convincing.

J. H. BEALE.

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